(b) On examination, it has been found that due to low traffic density, Tenali-Re-palle section does not qualify for electrification, at peresent

Calorific values of Fuels

*214. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAN-KER DAVE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether calorific values of coal, or Other fuels are taken into consideration while determining purchase and sale prices of gas;

(b) if so, what are the details about equivalent calorific values of various fuels and their purchase and sale prices;

(c) why coal from Indian mines is not considered suitable or is considered inferior for generating power and preference is being made in favour of high cost gas; and

(d) whether Petroleum Ministry pro pose to discourage the use of high cost gas for power generation to make it available for more beneficial production purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) The allocation of gas is generally based on the Imputed Economic Values (IEVs). These are the values of gas so calculated that the cost of unit output in a gas based plant is equal to the. cost of unit output in a plant based on alternative fuellfeed-stoefc. Priority is given to the fertilizer, power and the steel sectors.. The DEV is location specific and takes into account the calorific values of alternative fuels. The use of natural gas as against coal in the power sector becomes competitive only beyond a certain distance from the coal pitheads.

MRTPC inquiry report on BPCL and IOC

*214. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn, to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 7th February, 1994 captioned "BPCL (Rhart Petroleum Corporation Limited.) and IOC (Indian Oil Corporation) face MRTPC inquiry".

(b) if so, the details/nature of com plaints received by Government; and

(c) what preventive measures have been taken by Government to check the evil trade practices as pointed out/observed the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission and action taken against the defaulters, if not the reasons 'therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allegations have been made against IOC's LPG distributor M/s. Ashok Gas Agencies at Trivandrum for compelling the LPG cus'omers to take delivery of refills from the godown at a rate higher than the refill selling price approved for the location. ICC has conducted an en quiry and found that the allegations were not true.

In another case BPCL has received a notice from MRTPC in respect of complaints against their dealer M/s. Pratap Singh & Sons, Kanpur, for over-charging a customer for a grease pack.

(c) Whenever any notice is received from MRTPC or any other agency, the complaint is investigated by the concerned Corporation and suitable action. is taken to redress the grieveaces of the customers. Appropriate punitive action including ter mination is also taken against the erring dealers/distributors under the marketing Discipline guidelines. Oil company offi-

cials make regulur and surprise inspections of their dealers and distributors to ensure compliance of instructions and detecting any irregularities. Customer satisfaction, is an important item of evaluation in the) M.O.U.s of the companies.

Diversification and value addition off agricultural produce

*216. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while the farming sector provides the basic inputs for the food processing industry, the latter leads to the diversification and value addition of agricultural produce and increases both rual employment and farmers' incomes; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to encourage food processing; industry so that the country's agricultural produce is not wasted and the farmer is ensured of a good return?'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is encouraging investment for establishment of food processing units based on agricultural raw-materials for which besides providing various concessions and incentives, government has formulated and is operating various developmental Plan schemes.

Accident a' ISBT Delhi

*217. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fatal accidents at the IS ST. Delhi involving inter-state buses during the last three years, year-wise;

(to) the remedial steps taken *to* avoid such accidents;

(c) whether adequate arrangements exist to attend to fatal accidents on emergent basis; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. OHAVAN): (a) to (d) The number of fatal aceid.nts at ISBT, Delhi involving mter-State buses during last three years, year-wise is as under:—

Year	Number of fatal accidents
1991	10
1992	5
1993	6

The folowing sups have been taken to reduce the occurence of accidents- at I.S.B.T., Delhi:— .

(i) Pedestrians are being educated to make increased use of the sub-way.

(ii) Extra traffic- staff has been de-ployed inside the ISBT to regulate traffic.

(iii) Regular patrolling is being don© by the traffic staff. A crane has *been* deployed- inside the ISBT.

(iv) The staff of Haryana and U.P. Roadways has been detailed to regulate their buses.

(v) Segregation of areas for the movement of buses and pedestrians is being done.

An Ambulance and a First-aid Post remains available round the clock. Police staff is also deployed round the clock. On the occurence of an accident, the injured person, is promptly sent to the nearest hospital.